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Second Amendment to the FY 2008-2009 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to approve a second amendment to the FY 2008-09 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan to allow for the utilization of additional federal HUD program funds; all of the elements of the City's original FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan are hereby incorporated into this supplemental document.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009, and appropriates \$787 billion for measures that will modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief and protect those in greatest need. Under the Recovery Act, the City of Gainesville is eligible to receive a direct allocation from the following federal programs:

Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R): the City is eligible to receive \$371,003. The CDBG-R funds constitute a special allocation of FY 2008-09 CDBG funding to support a broad range of housing and community development projects that are "shovel-ready," i.e., can be implemented as soon as possible. The City must give priority to projects that can award contracts within 120-days of the date of the funding award. The City proposes to utilize the CDBG-R funds to acquire vacant property to construct a One-Stop Homeless Center facility.

Homelessness Prevention Fund and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP): the City is eligible to receive \$567,404. The HPRP funds constitute a special allocation of the FY 2008-09 funding to provide financial assistance and other assistance to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

To expedite the prompt use of the CDBG-R and HPRP funds and allow reasonable citizen participation, HUD has established a condensed 12-day citizen participation requirement to receive comments on the proposed amendment. Staff presented the proposed second amendment to the Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) on April 21, 2009. Additionally, a notice of the proposed amendment was published in the Gainesville Sun newspaper on April 16 & 17, 2009. A copy of the proposed amendment was made available to the public at the City's Housing & Community Development Division, the City of Gainesville website, and was distributed via public press release by the City's Communications Office.

These additional funds will be made available for continued financial assistance and other assistance to provide individuals and families with homeless services.

The City Commission: 1) approve the second amendment to the FY 2008-2009 CDBG and HOME Program Annual Action Plan; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit the second amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan, including all understandings and insurances contained, to the U.S. Department and Urban Development (HUD) for financial assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R) and Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP); and to act on behalf on the City of Gainesville in all matters pertaining to the CDBG-R and HPRP Programs; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate HUD documents for the receipt of the HPRP and CDBG-R funds.